



# 2017 Scholarship Application



Each year, since 1989, the Township Officials of Illinois Scholarship Fund has awarded funds to graduating high school seniors to continue their education at Illinois colleges/universities.

A total of \$286,500 has been awarded to 172 students.

*Providing scholarships for Illinois students since 1989*



# Application

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Name

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Address

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City, State, Zip

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Phone Email

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Township in which you reside

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County in which you reside

Gender:  Male  Female      U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No      Illinois Resident?  Yes  No

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High School

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City, State, Zip

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA\* (on a 4.00 scale) \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score (composite) \_\_\_\_\_

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College/University attending fall 2017: (must be in Illinois)

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School Name City in Illinois

This is a (check one):  2-Year  4-Year Institution

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Expected Major:

\*Please provide your **official** transcript. Check with your school guidance department to verify your transcript is official.

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## ***TOI will award seven \$1,500 scholarships in 2017***

My essay of not less than 500 words on "*The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future*" is attached, with signature, title, township/county of township official who was interviewed. This MUST be an elected official from a township in Illinois. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Name	Title	Township	County
Interviewee's Signature			

### **Extracurricular Activities (also include work experience)**

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Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***To be eligible, you must meet all of the following criteria:***

Must be a graduating Illinois high school senior with a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.

Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of Illinois. Must plan to attend a university/college in Illinois.

Must have a history of extracurricular activities that demonstrates a willingness to accept leadership responsibilities (student government, club officer, etc.) or a commitment to civic responsibility, social consciousness and a willingness to serve the community (community service projects, volunteer activities with local service agencies or charitable institutions, etc.)

Must submit a 500-word essay on *The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future* that will include information gained from an interview with an **elected** township official.

Must submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, local officials or business people.

Must submit an official high school transcript.

# Checklist

- ◆ **Cover Letter.** Please submit a cover letter requesting consideration of your Scholarship Application. You must be planning to attend a university/college in Illinois to be eligible.
- ◆ **Application.** All sections of this application must be completed. The student must sign and date the application.
- ◆ **Essay.** The student must write a 500-word essay on *"The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future"* that will include information from an interview of an **elected** Illinois township official. The township official interviewed **must** sign this application for student to be eligible.
- ◆ **Transcript.** Submit an official high school transcript indicating your most recent academic work including fall semester 2016.
- ◆ **Two Letters of Recommendation**
- ◆ **Signature of Township Official Interviewed**

*All checklist items must be submitted together for a complete application.*

*No exceptions will be made and all decisions are final.*

*Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.*

*All applicants should expect to receive written notification of a decision on their application after April 1, 2017.*

*Notification of an award will not be given by telephone.*

*One application will be sufficient for consideration for any scholarship offered by Township Officials of Illinois during the year it is submitted.*

*All scholarship awards will be disbursed directly to the award recipient's school and must be used for the 2017-2018 academic year.*

***Any questions may be directed to TOI at 217-744-2212 or amy@toi.org.***

**Please mail your completed application, postmarked no later than March 1, 2017 to:**

**Township Officials of Illinois  
Attn.: Scholarship Committee  
3217 Northfield Drive  
Springfield, Illinois 62702**